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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Report—Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans in 2000

AGENCY: Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on a proposed information collection. This notice announces the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion's intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's approval of the information collection instruments to be used during research with focus groups of consumers to gauge their understanding of the concepts and messages of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Approval is also requested for an additional collection instrument to be used during consumer research with focus groups to test prototype sections of nutrition education materials based on preliminary drafts of the anticipated Dietary Guidelines fifth edition. The information collected will be summarized and presented in written reports made available to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and will be used to refine the consumer bulletin, to develop new nutrition promotion products, and to plan a national campaign to promote the 2000 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before February 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Carole Davis, Nutrition Promotion Staff Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1120 20th Street, NW, Suite 200 North Lobby, Washington, DC 20036.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Catherine Tarone, (202) 606-4154.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans in 2000.

OMB Number: Not assigned yet.

Expiration Date: Not applicable.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The Dietary Guidelines for Americans were first introduced over 15 years ago. Section 301 of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 requires the Secretaries of Agriculture (USDA) and Health and Human Services (DHHS) to publish jointly at least every 5 years a report entitled, Report of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The next report is due by December 2000. The 1995 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee recommended that USDA and DHHS gather information about consumer understanding of the Dietary Guidelines' messages and concepts.

This study involves twelve focus groups: four adult general consumer groups (two male and two female), two African-American groups (one male and one female), two overweight adult groups (one male and one female), two older adult groups (one male and one female), two food stamp participant

groups (one male one female), to gauge the understanding and effectiveness of the Dietary Guidelines. Two focus groups of health professionals will gauge the use of the Dietary Guidelines and effectiveness of the concepts and messages. The information collected will be analyzed and summarized in a report made available to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. A second phase of this study involves twelve focus groups of consumers to pre-test prototype sections of nutrition education material based on preliminary drafts of the anticipated Dietary Guidelines fifth edition. The results of the focus group sessions will be analyzed and summarized in a report made available to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and will be used to refine the nutrition prototypes, to develop new nutrition promotion products, and to plan a national campaign to promote the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, fifth edition.

Affected Public: Adult consumers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 234.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours/focus group.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 936 hours.

Dated: December 16, 1998.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study for Pine Creek (Box/Death Hollow Wilderness Section), Mamie Creek and Its West Tributary, Death Hollow Creek (Box/Death Hollow Wilderness Section), East Fork Boulder Creek, Slickrock Canyon, Cottonwood Canyon, Steep Creek, Water Canyon, Lamanite Arch Canyon, and The Gulch, Dixie National Forest, Garfield County, UT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service, USDA, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) which analyzes the suitability of